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## CORRECTION

An information report with the above heading was issued on 23 June 1953. The following corrections should be made to that report:

## 1. Page 3, paragraph 5a, add:

Ampoules (mainly from Hungary)  
Ash from beet cuttings.

2,000 tn. 15,050,000 Kcs.  
2,000,000 Kcs.

## 2. Page 6, paragraph 8a, add

Tannin  
Glassware

900,000 Kcs. 50X1-HUM  
2,100,000 Kcs.

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1. In paragraph 4.b., Carbonic Disulphate should be changed to read Carbon Disulphide.
2. In paragraph 5.a., 2,000 tons in line 13 should be changed to read 2,900 tons.
3. In paragraph 5.a., Poland, 2,000 tons should be changed to read 2,900 tons.

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1. Following is the import-export plan for the year 1953 of Chemapol, the official Czechoslovak company for the import and export of chemical raw materials and products.
2. General import-export plans were drawn up on a five-year basis to coincide with the national five-year plan. The yearly import-export plans were drawn up from the general plans during the first half of the year preceding the year planned for. Thus this plan, dating from June 1952, may be assumed to be the final plan for 1953.

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In planning its foreign trade Czechoslovakia divides the world into seven areas according to currency. These areas are:

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a. USSR

b. Peoples' Democracies (Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Eastern Germany, Poland, Rumania, and China)

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3. In the following lists, those items of goods not precisely specified, as "other metals", refer to specific kinds of goods listed under this rubric in the Czechoslovak Customs Registry (Ceskoslovensky celní řád). Where an item is listed here as goods belonging to a numbered group, as Group XLVII, the specific kind of goods referred to may be found listed under this group number in the Czechoslovak Customs Registry. The sums of money listed below may be considered accurate and final, but the quantities of goods may vary according to the qualities of goods actually bought. Where two or more kinds of goods are listed under one item, the sum of money allocated for these kinds of goods will be apportioned between them according to need.

## 4. Area I

## a. Imports from the USSR

ITEMS	TOTAL WEIGHT	TOTAL VALUE
Chinese wood oil	200 tn.	9,000,000 Kcs
Heavy spar and fluorspar	1200 "	1,700,000 "
Black oxide of manganese	2000 "	6,400,000 "
Chromium ore	3000 "	6,000,000 "
Plaster	1000 "	1,500,000 "
Asbestos	200 "	3,000,000 "
Magnesite	15 "	70,000 "
Raw phosphate	25000 "	23,750,000 "
Resin (dark)	1000 "	8,400,000 "
Turpentine	500 "	7,000,000 "
Cotton		825,000 "
Magnesium	220 "	5,500,000 "
Platinum for laboratory instruments		6,000,000 "
Kitchen salt (out of this, 30,000 tons from Akna Slatina, Carpatho Ukraine, the remainder from Eastern Germany as reparations)	250000 "	111,260,000 "
Sulphur	5000 "	3,200,000 "
Low percentage potash salt from Eastern Germany as reparations)	10000 "	27,500,000 "
Tartar	150 "	3,000,000 "
Ash from beet cuttings	4000 "	4,000,000 "
Magnesium chloride	130 "	500,000 "
Acetic acid	200 "	5,200,000 "
Anhydrides	100 "	3,000,000 "
Various solvents for the medical industry		7,366,000 "
Glycerin	160 "	7,650,000 "
Pharmaceutical raw materials		15,000,000 "
Various chemical auxiliary substances and other chemical substances needed for plant maintenance		23,680,000 "

## -b. Exports to the USSR

Celluloid	5 "	780,000 "
Asphalt pasteboard		3,000,000 "
Pigments	320 "	8,740,000 "
Acids		5,375,000 "
Creosote		3,450,000 "
Carbonic Disulphate	2000 "	17,000,000 "
Pyrocatechol	2100 "	212,500,000 "
Miscellaneous chemical stuffs		
Group XLVI		14,220,000 "

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Tar paints	7,800,000 Kcs
Various medical materials	4,000,000 "
Cosmetics, pencils, etc.	27,000,000 "

## 5. Area II

## a. Imports from the Peoples' Democracies

Paraffin	1700 tn.	12,500,000 "
Pyrites	60000 "	51,000,000 "
Plaster	1000 "	1,835,000 "
Chalk	3600 "	4,500,000 "
Various ochers	500 "	2,250,000 "
Magnesite	30 "	150,000 "
Bauxite	300 "	200,000 "
Various clays		1,000,000 "
Tar	3000 "	8,000,000 "
Lead	1100 "	19,800,000 "
Zinc and zinc powder		55,000,000 "
Other metals		10,000,000 "
Carbon electrodes	2000 "	10,000,000 "
Arsenic	40 "	450,000 "
Tartar	150 "	3,000,000 "
Chemical auxiliary substances and other chemical substances for plant maintenance		8,903,000 "

The most important of these items are pyrites, metals, and electrodes. Taken by country, these imports break down as follows:

Albania 5,000 tons of pyrites with a total value of 4,250,000 Kcs. and small quantities of clays and chemical auxiliary substances.

Bulgaria 25,000 tons of pyrites with a total value of 21,250,000 Kcs., 30 tons of magnesite, and some clays, ochers, and chemical auxiliary substances.

Hungary Some clays and ochers for production of mineral dyes, out of which 1,000 tons of ocher are for production of bleach, and 300 tons of bauxite, to be used for the production of earthenware. In addition, some chemical auxiliary substances.

Eastern Germany 1,000 tons of plaster with a total value of 1,835,000 Kcs., 3,600 tons of chalk with a total value of 4,500,000 Kcs., and the major part of the chemical auxiliary substances imported from these countries.

Poland Zinc and zinc powder with a total value of 55,000,000 Kcs., 2,000 tons of carbon electrodes with a total value of 10,000,000 Kcs., clays to be used for purifying purposes in gas factories, hard coal tar, and chemical auxiliary substances.

Rumania 30,000 tons of pyrites with a total value of 25,500,000 Kcs., paraffin (12,500,000 Kcs.), lead (19,800,000 Kcs.); other metals (10,000,000 Kcs.), arsenic (450,000 Kcs.), and some tartar and chemical auxiliary substances.

China China offered to sell Czechoslovakia various raw materials such as sulphur, chromium ore, and tungsten, but no agreement was signed because of the difficulties of transport.

## b. Exports to the Peoples' Democracies

Celluloid	4 tn.	624,000 Kcs.
Ocher for removing dyes		545,000 "
Tar pitch		4,250,000 "
Mining wax	20 "	700,000 "

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ITEMS	TOTAL WEIGHT	TOTAL VALUE
Benzene oil from hard coal		4,100,000 Kcs.
Brewery pitch	500 tn.	1,675,000 "
Typewriter ribbons		500,000 "
Glow bodies for gas lamps		300,000 "
Asphalt pasteboard, paper goods, fly paper, etc.		13,475,000 "
Artificial gut (gutisin)		11,200,000 "
Photo products		4,930,000 "
Rubber commodities		80,000 "
Books, artificial linen, leather		6,422,000 "
Glazings and frits		4,450,000 "
Raw materials for insulation	5 "	1,500,000 "
Asbestos goods		4,300,000 "
Black polish		25,000 "
Office supplies		113,000 "
Printing and bronze dyes		3,595,000 "
Natron and potash		1,550,000 "
Titanic oxide	450 "	2,100,000 "
Acids		12,365,000 "
Potassium permanganate	15 "	824,000 "
Ammonium nitrate	3000 "	19,700,000 "
Bone ash and active coal		2,800,000 "
Carbide	100 "	650,000 "
Carbonic disulphate	3000 "	27,900,000 "
Lysol and creolin		3,000,000 "
Hydrosulphite	35 "	810,000 "
Miscellaneous chemical substances		33,082,000 "
Tar dyes		15,170,000 "
Pencils		6,100,000 "
Medical goods		45,890,000 "
Perfumes and cosmetics		1,000,000 "
Commodities of Group XLVII		17,735,000 "
Commodities of Group XLIX		53,500,000 "
Horn powder		3,000,000 "
6. Area III		
a. Imports from Austria		
Wood powder	1000 "	2,500,000 "
Ochers	400 "	1,750,000 "
Magnesite	5 "	30,000 "
Bauxite	1400 "	800,000 "
Mica	15 "	465,000 "
Various clays		7,040,000 "
Crude oil (ropa)	100000 "	150,000,000 "
Petroleum distillate	85000 "	196,000,000 "
Petroleum	35000 "	74,000,000 "
Viscose cellulose	1200 "	7,000,000 "
Asbestos products		650,000 "
Anhydrides		5,000,000 "
Glycerin	70 "	4,500,000 "
Pharmaceutical raw materials		1,000,000 "
Auxiliary chemical substances and other chemical substances for plant maintenance		18,357,000 "
b. Exports to Austria		
Celluloid	5 "	780,000 "
Mineral dyes and ochers		1,830,000 "
Charcoal	2500 "	7,500,000 "
Pitch from hard coal tar		3,000,000 "
Mining wax	20 "	700,000 "
Benzene oil from hard coal tar	900 "	6,250,000 "
Brewery pitch	55 "	190,000 "
Mineral oil	1000 "	4,125,000 "
Office supplies		14,187,000 "

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ITEMS	TOTAL WEIGHT	TOTAL VALUE
Rayon staple	500 tn.	18,500,000 Kcs.
Asphalt pasteboard & paper products		11,050,000 "
Artificial gut (gutisin)		9,700,000 "
Photo products		5,820,000 "
Medical goods		120,000 "
Linen and artificial leather		8,627,000 "
Cork boards		1,750,000 "
Glazings and frits		4,950,000 "
Raw materials for insulation	5 "	1,500,000 "
Asbestos goods		2,500,000 "
Black polish		429,000 "
Potash and natron		1,915,000 "
Pigments	75 "	1,800,000 "
Acids		8,215,000 "
Potassium Permanganate	12 "	687,000 "
Bone ash and active coal		2,350,000 "
Carbide	700 "	4,550,000 "
Carbonic disulphate	2250 "	22,250,000 "
Hydrosulphite	50 "	1,190,000 "
Other chemical substances		33,018,000 "
Tar paints		20,420,000 "
Medicaments and other medical commodities		23,850,000 "
Cosmetics		1,500,000 "
Goods, Group XLVII		5,450,000 "
Goods, Group XLIX		8,550,000 "

Chemapol was making every effort to sell consumer goods to Austria in order to balance its important imports from there.

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